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Amendments to the Specification:

Delete paragraphs [0011] through [0021]

Replace paragraph [0022] with an amended version:-

[0022] Also in accordance with the invention there is provided an orthodontic device for use with orthodontic arch wires comprising:

a device body having labial, lingual, gingival, occlusal, mesial and distal surface portions, the body having therein a mesial-distal extending arch wire receiving slot having one mesial distal extending side open to a device body surface portion to permit insertion of an arch wire into the slot and its removal therefrom;

a pivot member mounted by the device body and establishing a mesial-distal extending pivot axis; and

a shutter member mounted by the pivot member for pivoting movement about the pivot axis between a slot open position in which the open slot side is open, and a slot closed position in which the shutter member closes the open slot side to retain an arch wire in the slot;

wherein the shutter member comprises:

a pivot portion mounted by the pivot member for the pivoting movement of the shutter member; and

a slot closure portion movable with the pivot portion, extending mesially distally with respect to the device body, and in the slot closure position closing the slot open side; and

an attitude controlling spring member constituted by a flexible end extension portion of the slot closure portion further from the pivot portion, wherein that with the shutter member in slot closed position has a free end portion of the spring member extends into the arch wire receiving slot for engagement in a mesial-distal extending plane with an arch wire in the slot, such engagement urging the arch wire into engagement with the respective slot walls.